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CHAPTER 275

# **SENATE BILL 1330**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-127, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ADOPTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 8-127, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 8-127. Services of county attorney; exception

5 A. The county attorney of the county in which the prospective adoptive  
6 parent resides, or, if applicable, the county where the child is a ward of  
7 the court, on application of the person or persons seeking adoption, shall  
8 prepare the adoption petition and act as attorney without expense to the  
9 prospective adoptive parent. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY MAY ALSO PREPARE A PETITION  
10 TO TERMINATE THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 5  
11 OF THIS TITLE AND ACT AS ATTORNEY WITHOUT EXPENSE TO THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE  
12 PARENT. If an adoption is made through an adoption agency licensed pursuant  
13 to this title, the agency shall prepare the petition for adoption and shall  
14 submit it to the county attorney. If ~~the~~ EITHER petition is contested the  
15 county attorney, with the consent of the court, may withdraw from further  
16 representation of any party to the proceeding and the prospective adoptive  
17 parent shall employ counsel.

18 B. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection A of this section, the  
19 county attorney:

20 1. Shall not prepare a petition or act as the attorney for a  
21 prospective adoptive parent seeking adoption pursuant to title 14, chapter 8.

22 2. Is not required to act as an attorney for the prospective adoptive  
23 parent concerning the enforcement or modification of an agreement entered  
24 into pursuant to section 8-116.01.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 17, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 17, 2016.

Passed the House May 6, 2016,

by the following vote: 53 Ayes,

0 Nays, 7 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 18, 2016,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

[Signature]  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016,

at 10:07 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of

May, 2016,

at 1:25 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016,

at 4:31 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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